

the company, and at the time of his death he was the company's representative in New York City and in the New England States for their textile fabricated products.

According to the "Montclair Times" of February 2, 1950, Mr. Nicolay was buried on February 2 in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Potter Nicolay; two daughters, Mrs. Andrew B. Adams of Arlington, Virginia, and Miss Cornelia Nicolay of Upper Montclair; his mother, Mrs. William A. Nicolay, and a brother John V. Nicolay, both of Upper Montclair.—HARRY B. WEISS.

A MYSTERY CLEARED UP

In the March, 1949 issue of this JOURNAL, page 50, under the title "Entomologists are Human Beings," mention was made of an anonymous plea, circulated in the United States during 1920, by a group of young entomologists who called attention to the indifference of many heads of departments of entomology to the salary needs of their assistants. I had often wondered about the authorship of this 4-page anonymous circular and it was not until March 1949 that my curiosity was satisfied. At that time, Harry L. Parker wrote to me from France and said that the circular was conceived, instigated and written by George Barber and that the idea was enthusiastically supported by many of the entomologists around Arlington and Melrose Highlands. The printing was done by the Owl Press (located at Somerville, Mass.) a nighttime venture of Harry L. Parker and W. O. Ellis. Bill Ellis set the type and H. L. Parker pedaled the press. This private press venture was abandoned after a year of night work and after the owners had lost money on a small book of poems called "Ballads and Grotesques," by Harold Hersey, a brother-in-law of D. J. Caffrey. According to Mr. Parker's recollection, only four copies were sold.—H. B. W.